

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: March 20, 2002

Place: Room 118

Convened: 9:40

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Adjourned: 10:30

Present: Senators Gaskill-CH, Sexton-VC, Black-RM, Greiner
Representatives Drake-CH, Kettering-VC, Mertz-RM, Baudler, Eddie, Hahn, May, Schrader

Absent:

Excused: Senator Fink
Representative Quirk

Co-Chairman Senator Thurman Gaskill called the meeting to order in Room 118, on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 9:40 AM.

The roll was called. Representative Baudler moved to approve the minutes as distributed. Senator Sexton seconded the motion.

Senator Gaskill introduced Representative Millage, who addressed the group affirming his support of Agriculture.

Senator Gaskill introduced Deb Kozel, from the Legislative Service Bureau. Ms. Kozel distributed handouts outlining the history of the Agriculture and Natural Resources General Fund FY 1994 through FY 2002, and the Governor's new budget figures for the Agriculture and Natural Resources General Fund. As she covered details of the Agriculture budget, the Committee addressed questions to Ms. Kozel. Mary Jane Olney and Jamie Cashman, Department of Agriculture, and Shashi Goel, Department of Management, assisted Ms. Kozel in answering the questions. The Committee requested additional information regarding breakdown of Senior Grants, and the request will be honored by the Department of Agriculture.

Senator Gaskill gave concluding remarks and announced the tentative timetable for upcoming meetings. The Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the Department of Natural Resources proposed budget. There will also be meetings on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Senator Sexton moved the Committee arise at 10:30 AM.

Senator Thurman Gaskill, Co-Chairman

Gerry Gaskill, Committee Secretary